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Title: TOXIC GAS FITTING INTERLOCK

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- 7 Pages Specification (not including claims);
- 7 Pages Claims;
- 1 page Abstract;
- 4 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1A and 1B; 2; 3; and 4);
- 2 Pages Declaration For Patent Application and Power of Attorney;
- 1 Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(1) (Nonpublication Request).

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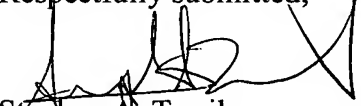
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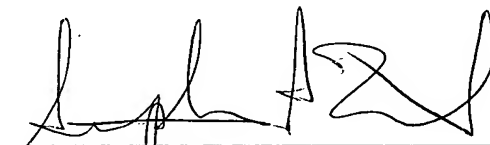
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
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